

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please insert the following paragraph after the Title section on page 1, line 3:

This is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/796,818, filed March 1, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,596,272, issued July 22, 2003, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 15, line 4 with the following paragraph:

Some yeasts may perform one of the desired functions more efficiently than others.

~~The table~~ Table 16 below lists the species and accession numbers of various yeast strains and the preferred functions for which the respective strains are stimulated by the methods of the invention.